

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

ARAI et al.

Application No.: to be assigned

Int'l Appln. No.: PCT/JP02/02261

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For: Steel Pipe for Embedding-Expanding, and Method of Embedding-Expanding Oil Well
Steel Pipe

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to issuance of the first official action, please amend the above-captioned
application as follows: